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WASHINGTON, June 19, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 14 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 3.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 427 billion ton-miles, 4.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 14 totaled 450,284 cars, 9.0 percent below 1979, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.2 percent in the East, 3.6 percent in the South, and 10.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 122,945, up 14.6 percent over 1979. Coal loadings in the past week were the highest since the week ended November 26, 1963. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 7 totaled 31,064 cars, down 14.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 56,471 trailers and/or containers, 10.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 753,306 cars, 7.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,366,956 trailers and/or containers, down 5.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/14/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 14, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,461	D	3,232	10.5	I	1,200	4.6
Other farm products	4,588	D	709	13.4	D	256	5.3
Metallic ores	33,245	D	6,193	15.7	D	4,848	12.7
Coal	122,945	I	15,665	14.6	I	1,783	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,853	D	4,032	20.3	D	131	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	16,273	I	27	0.2	I	2,157	15.3
Grain mill products	16,982	D	702	4.0	I	270	1.6
Food and kindred products	18,027	I	278	1.6	I	248	1.4
Primary forest products	20,794	D	1,148	5.2	D	276	1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,598	D	3,977	31.6	D	282	3.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,676	D	1,420	6.4	D	552	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,597	D	3,210	11.1	I	428	1.7
Petroleum products	5,579	D	878	13.6	D	102	1.8
Stone, clay and glass products	15,347	D	4,738	23.6	D	156	1.0
Coke	4,730	D	2,871	37.8	I	31	0.7
Metals and products	14,845	D	4,556	23.5	I	149	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,128	D	9,111	36.1	D	420	2.5
Waste and scrap materials	11,257	D	4,215	27.2	D	221	1.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,919	D	2,698	21.4	D	424	4.1
All other carloads	41,256	D	6,596	13.8	I	419	1.0
LCL traffic	184	D	186	50.3	I	11	6.4
Total Cars Loaded	450,284	D	44,502	9.0	D	1,042	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	494,786						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	10,584,912	10,838,602	D	2.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
23 weeks cumulative	408.2	388.4	I	5.1
Week ended June 14	18.3	19.0	D	3.7
24 weeks cumulative	426.5	407.4	I	4.7

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